



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Nordine CHEIKH *et al.*

Appln. No.: 09/976,054

Filing Date: October 15, 2001

Conf. No.: 3580

Art Unit: 1647

Examiner: M.P. Allen

Atty. Docket: 16517.256

For: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with the Cytokinin Pathway

Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

By the filing of this Petition and fee, Applicants hereby request that the period for filing a response in the above-identified application be extended two months from June 16, 2006, to August 16, 2006.

The statutory fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)) is believed to be \$450.00 for a two (2) month extension for a large entity. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

Authorization to charge the \$450 extension of time fee to counsel's deposit account is given in the accompanying Form PTO/SB/30.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas E. Holsten, Reg. No. 46,098
David R. Marsh, Reg. No. 41,408

Filed: July 21, 2006

ARNOLD & PORTER LLP
555 Twelfth Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20004-1206
Tel.: 202.942.5000
Fax: 202.942.5999

07/24/2006 SDENB081 00000095 502387 09976054
02 FC:1252 450.00 DA